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January 30, 2019

VIA ECF FILING

Honorable William C. Griesbach U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin 125 South Jefferson Street Green Bay, Wisconsin 54301

Re:

Vollrath v. Steven J. Levine, et al.

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin Case No. 16-cy-381

Dear Judge Griesbach:

This letter will confirm our conversation with your clerk, Mary, yesterday afternoon.

The parties have entered into a settlement agreement, a fully executed copy of which is attached. We have been authorized by all parties to inform the Court of the settlement and request that the jury trial scheduled to begin on Monday, February 4, 2019, be removed from the Court's calendar.

Pursuant to the attached settlement agreement, the Defendants' insurance carriers will be making a settlement payment to Plaintiff by no later than February 28, 2019. When that settlement payment is made, the parties will file a notice of dismissal of this case with prejudice.

In light of the settlement, we respectfully request that the jury trial be removed from the Court's calendar and that this case be scheduled for a status conference in early March 2019. If the parties file the notice of dismissal before that time, as is anticipated, then the status conference may be removed from the Court's calendar.

We appreciate the Court's attention to these matters. If the Court has questions about the settlement or believes that a telephonic status conference is necessary, please let us know. The parties' counsel will make themselves available for such a call, if necessary.

Very truly yours.

Douglas P. Dehler

c: Raymond C. Schreck, Esq. (via ECF) Russell A. Klingaman, Esq. (via ECF) Paige L. McCreary, Esq. (via ECF) Laura J. Lavey, Esq. (via ECF) Christa D. Wittenberg, Esq. (via ECF)



Settlement Agreement

This Settlement Agreement dated as of January 29, 2019 (this "Agreement") is entered into by and among The Vollrath Company, L.L.C. (former parent corporation and successor-in-interest to PW Stoelting, L.L.C. by way of merger) ("Vollrath"), on the one hand, and Advanced Frozen Treat Technology, Inc. ("AFTT"), Prism Marketing Corporation ("Prism"), and Steven J. Levine ("Levine"), on the other hand (the "Parties").

The Parties, having had an adequate opportunity to consult with counsel of their choosing, and not relying on representations other than as expressly set forth in this Agreement, hereby knowingly and voluntarily enter into this Agreement. Upon delivery by all Parties, including by electronic means, of a signed counterpart of this Agreement, the Parties stipulate and agree as follows:

This Settlement Agreement concerns that certain action brought in the United States District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin, Green Bay Division, as Case No. 1:16-cv-00381 (the "Action").

- 1. AFTT, Prism, and Levine dispute and deny any liability by any of them to Vollrath in the Action.
- 2. This Agreement is made as a business-based resolution of the Action, without any admissions.
- 3. By February 28, 2019, AFTT, Prism, and Levine shall collectively cause their respective insurance carriers, The Hanover Insurance Company ("Hanover") and Hartford Casualty Insurance Company ("The Hartford"), to deliver to Vollrath payment in good funds in the total amount of \$192,538.82, with one-half of said total amount to come from each carrier respectively. Vollrath shall provide counsel for the Parties with a fully-executed W9 form upon execution of this Agreement by all Parties. Upon payment by Hanover and The Hartford of their foregoing agreed-upon respective settlement contributions, Hanover and The Hartford are hereby respectively released by the Parties from further obligation for settlement funds in the Action.
- 4. Upon receipt of the settlement funds provided for above, Vollrath agrees to and shall immediately dismiss the Action in its entirety with prejudice as to all parties and all causes of action. The Parties waive the right to appeal from the Court's decisions or orders in the Action.
- 5. The Parties shall not bear any of the other Parties' attorney fees, costs, or expenses in the Action.
- 6. AFTT, Prism, and Levine agree not to hold themselves out as Authorized Distributors of Stoelting-brand products nor shall they use Stoelting-generated marketing materials, absent a future written agreement signed by a duly-authorized representative of Vollrath that authorizes such use. AFTT or Prism may sell or re-sell Stoelting-brand products as resellers from their own inventory or from inventory purchased from a Vollrath Authorized Seller of Stoelting-brand products located in the former territories of AFTT or Prism.
- 7. In connection with the sales referenced in paragraph 6, AFTT and Prism may advertise or display pictures or photographs of the products, including products reflecting Stoelting-brand Trademarks or tradenames, so long as not holding themselves out as Authorized Distributors. Any websites and marketing materials displaying such pictures or photographs of Stoelting-brand equipment shall contain a prominent disclosure on the first page (or the home page for a website) that the party offering the equipment for sale is not an Authorized Distributor of

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Stoelting-brand products. In the event of conduct deemed contrary to paragraphs 6 or 7 of this Agreement, Vollrath shall provide written notice by an email sent to the Parties at mbcaltreats@gmail.com and to Attorney Ray Schreck at rayschrecklaw@gmail.com allowing reasonable time to cure the conduct, but in any event not less than ten (10) business days nor more than thirty (30) calendar days, before pursuing an action for relief. And, if the purported conduct is cured in a timely manner, the conduct shall be deemed to be of no force or effect. However, if similar conduct is subsequently repeated, no additional notice shall be necessary before filing legal action. Nothing in this paragraph shall be deemed a waiver of any of Vollrath's rights in its trademarks or a waiver of any rights or remedies available under trademark law or any other law.

- 8. The Parties hereby stipulate and agree, for purposes of both issue and claim preclusion, that all of the Court's decisions and orders in the Action are final, as if they had become final after all time for appeal had expired, and they shall be given full preclusive effect in any other litigation, including but not limited to the lawsuit currently pending in California as Advanced Frozen Treat Technology, Inc. et al. v. The Vollrath Company, L.L.C., et al, Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles, bearing case number BC656313 (the "California Lawsuit"). With regard to claim preclusion, the Parties hereby stipulate and agree the compulsory counterclaim rule, as set forth in Fed. R. Civ. Proc. 13(a) and relevant case law, applies and bars in any other litigation (including but not limited to the California Lawsuit) any and all claims that are determined by any state or federal court to have been compulsory counterclaims that should have been brought in the Action.
- 9. The Parties hereby stipulate and agree that they are authorized respectively to enter into this Agreement by and through the persons signing below.
- 10. The Parties represent and warrant they have not assigned or transferred any claims brought in this Action or to the extent such claims had to be brought as compulsory counterclaims, if any.

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By: Steven J. Levine, its President

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